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ICE DEPORTS SEX CRIMINAL TO ECUADOR

BLOOMINGTON, Minn.—U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers deported an illegal alien to Ecuador yesterday who was convicted of brutally assaulting a Minneapolis woman he had previously dated.

Jose Gauman-Segundo, 24, of Ecuador, claimed to have illegally entered the United States from Mexico in 2000. He was arrested by the Minneapolis Police Department August 23, 2004 and originally charged with kidnapping and second-degree criminal sexual conduct in Hennepin County District Court. He pleaded guilty to the sexual conduct charge Jan. 21 and was given a 90-month stayed prison sentence, but was required to serve 315 days in the Hennepin County workhouse.



ICE special agents placed a “detainer” on Gauman-Segundo while he was in the workhouse, so that ICE would be notified before his release. Upon his release, ICE took him into custody. ICE routinely checks jails and prisons nationwide to locate, identify and then deport criminal aliens.

Gauman-Segundo admitted to forcing the victim into his car against her will at a Walgreen’s drug store in Minneapolis, according to a criminal complaint filed in district court. He drove her to a parking lot in northeast Minneapolis and forcibly removed part of her clothing, pulling her back into the car when she tried to escape. Gauman-Segundo hit the victim in the face with his fist, tried to strangle her, and threatened to kill her and her husband if she did not have sex with him. He then sexually assaulted her.

After the two-hour ordeal, Gauman-Segundo drove the victim back to the area where he had abducted her, where she fled wearing only a T-shirt. When police officers later apprehended Gauman-Segundo, he possessed the victim's car key, and articles of her clothing were found in his car trunk, according to the complaint.

"This criminal alien has terrorized his last Minneapolis victim," said Special Agent-in-Charge Mark Cangemi of the ICE office in Bloomington. "Getting violent criminals off the streets and out of the country is a top priority for us." Cangemi oversees ICE Office of Investigations for a five-state area that includes Minnesota.

During fiscal year 2004, which ended Sept. 30, ICE detention and removal agents removed 3,152 criminal aliens and status violators from a five-state area that includes: Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Of that number, 1,488 were classified as criminal aliens for having been convicted of such crimes as: drug offenses, assault and battery, armed robbery, rape, and fraud, among others. The remaining 1,664 had committed administrative immigration law violations.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.